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Chief, West Coast Bureau
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I have just dispatched a message to you with reference to the amount of rental to be paid for the new engineer's house. My fears in this connection have become a partial reality. We forwarded your realtors' estimates and recommended that the lower rental be accepted. Apparently everyone thought this to be an extremely low rental for the type of quarters being furnished and it was, therefore, referred to the General Counsel for his approval.

General Counsel feels that this is a very low rental and that sufficient evidence has not been furnished setting forth normal rental scales for similar type dwellings in the vicinity of Reseda with like furnishings and utility services. He feels that the Comptroller General should approve this rental in order to avoid the possibility of later having it disapproved and collection directed.

I am indeed sorry that this matter has not been fully decided prior to this time. There had been no indication by the Budget Officer that we would run into these complications. I am confident that the final rent established will be reasonable and will not be more than Penny is now paying. I will do everything in my power to emphasize the fact that he is occupying these quarters for the convenience of the government in an effort to get as low a rental as possible.

Penny can, of course, occupy the quarters at any time and have the rent established at a later date, which I frankly think would be the advisable thing for him to do. However, if he objects to doing this, he is under no obligation to do so until the final rental is decided.

Sincerely,

K. White

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